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# REA ROLL CALL

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## REA RETURNING TO WASHINGTON

Announcement has been made that REA is to move back to Washington. This will be done by groups, the first of which will go on or about November 1 with others following until the entire move is effected, probably by the end of the year.

REA's new home will be the South Building of the Department.

With some sections in Washington and others still in St. Louis, military furloughes planning to rejoin REA within the next three months should contact the Personnel Division before reporting in person, so they will know where to report. Personnel would also like to hear from all other military furloughes who expect to return in the near future.

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## IN THE LAND OF "NO WHERE"

Art Schartner, Y 1/c, took his recruit training at Bainbridge, Md., and Norfolk, Va., finishing off with Unit 21 of the Carrier Aircraft Service, FPO New York; but when he wrote to the Roll Call on Sept. 15, he was attached to a Torpedo Squadron in the land of "no where." This "no where," he says, is situated at a small auxiliary air station.

Art's duties have been administrative in character, and included organizing systems for secret maneuvers of fighter planes, assisting in the preparation of flight schedules, and related tasks. What his further orders will be after demobilization at Quonset Point, Rhode Island, he doesn't know; but if the point system is reduced sufficiently he hopes to return to REA with all possible haste.

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## AFTER THE BATTLES ARE OVER

Maj. Don Basler, who has been active in European redeployment circles, gives us a vivid portrayal of a countryside after war has spent itself. He is stationed in France as part of the Signal Corps. Maj. Basler who is a top-flight narrator writes: "Two of us from the office made a circuit of the Signal Corps depot and repair installations to see for ourselves how things were progressing. We tramped around central France with a bit of Luxembourg and Belgium thrown in for variety.

"Our vehicle was the ever dependable jeep which took us where we wanted to go....Through France during harvest, we saw broad valleys and rolling hills covered with wheat, oats, and other grain.

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## MAGIC WORDS---"DONATED BY REA"

From Elmer Poss, Y 1/c, comes a letter which says he has had so many address changes he could hardly keep up with himself, let alone keep the Roll Call posted. But all this was simplified and made easy by his assignment to the USS Howard D. Crow where he is "at home" with a San Francisco FPO.

Elmer hasn't been very lucky about running across other REA'ers in service, but the other day during a slack period he picked up a library book to see how some of the fictional characters were making out and what do you know? the fly loaf bore the stamp "Donated by REA" or words to that effect!

He finds some of the ports they put in at are very interesting. "It makes one keep up a fairly wicked pace to take everything in in a few hours. But what fascinates me is to see the souvenir hunters shop like mad when the boxes of more than half the things they buy bear the inscription, 'Made in the U.S.A.!"

Sometimes the boatswain confuses him, too. "He's not musically inclined and it's sometimes a little difficult to tell whether he means 'All hands to quarters', 'chow down', or is just giving a rendition of the Pennsylvania Polka. Right now I hear him playing and I think it's 'chow down', so I'm off to the race."

## TWO REA'ERS MEET IN A HOSPITAL

Two of our REA'ers are currently on the register at Schick General Hospital, Clinton, Ia. Lt. James N. Thompson, after almost 3 years in service (much of it overseas), is hospitalized for knee treatment there. By accident he ran across Capt. Walter Wolff who had a preliminary operation in August and the "main bout" a week later. A letter from Capt. Wolff says, "I have not been overseas although I've processed many units for overseas service and was engaged in redeployment activity before entering the hospital (my first such experience in the Army). Following my release from here (Schick General) I will very likely return to Fort Leonard Wood. But a return I look forward to is the return to REA, if you please, where I can do something really constructive. More power to those who have been carrying on!"

## LONG TIME NO SEE THE U. S. A.

We are very proud to present a letter in this issue from Capt. Richard L. Patrick, one of the first from REA to enter the armed forces in this war. Enlisting a year and three months before Pearl Harbor, Capt. Patrick says, "I am happy to report my newest address in the good 'ole U.S.A.' after spending 39 months

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There was no corn to be seen and little of other crops. The towns and villages near Nancy and Metz were badly damaged and still without repair. Here and there a lonely tank or gun rests in silence beside a fence row or under a tree where it fired its last shot.

"We saw some of the old Miginot fortifications and many of the newer bunkers and block houses pointing in the opposite direction which the Germans had built to try and stay the tide as the Allies advanced onto the plains beyond these key cities. Many of them give mute evidence of the violent action that took place in this area. I also saw the many tons of equipment that we had ordered from the States to support the battles here. Now no longer needed, much of it is packed and marked again, ready for another trip."

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## "IF ONLY I WERE A MARRIED MAN"

G. L. Ragan, C. G., is now in Ship's Company at the Boston Receiving Station where he thinks he will remain for a while as he only has 36 points toward the necessary 44 for discharge. "Had I been married", he laments, "I would now be eligible for release---but it's too late now."

He says, "I'm working for an administrative assistant to the Executive Officer and since the Japs gave up have had more to do than ever. But I'm not complaining. The only thing that makes me feel bad is that some of the buddies we started out with are not alive to celebrate with us."

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## COLUMN WRITE

Lt. Geo. Mowry, based in a barren California desert, thinks he should trade with Lt. Nat Levinson so Nat could dry out from the Aleutian fogs and George could stop the desiccation of months without rain. He's been in California for over a year and before that in Florida, so he says, "I haven't seen snow (except snow-capped peaks) in over two years."

"I sure hope we can all get back to REA soon. The millions of dollars this war has cost and the man power that has been lost could have done the job of building lines and power plants many, many times," he reflects.

Cpl. R. R. Chosley wrote from Ft. Benjamin Harrison to say he was back there for additional training after several weeks of temporary duty in New York City. As he was in REA, so is he in the Army----in the Finance Department which he thinks is fine with a lot of interesting work to do. But listen to this, "I'm looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the time when I return to REA."

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in the Pacific where my journeys took me to duty stations at Perth and Townsville in Australia, Milne Bay and Nadzab in New Guinea, and Leyte and Mindanao in the Philippines.

"I returned from the Philippines by plane and the trip was of such short duration, it hardly seems possible that I was so far away. I am now enjoying 90 days sick leave which I received after being hospitalized about a month in the States. Nope, no Purple Heart; just a tropical skin disease and not directly a result of enemy action. I had 110 points, as of May this year, but in the discharge of officers that system is of only secondary consideration. The rank is still 'captain', but I am hoping for a 'Mr.' and a return to REA soon."

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## HERE TO THERE DEPARTMENT

Robert F. Howell, S 1/c, Separation Center, Great Lakes; M/Sgt. William P. Riley, Washington, D. C.; Lt. Howard G. Hombree, APO 869, Miami, Fla.; Ensign Harry L. Oswald; Lt. George R. Mowry, Van Nuys, Calif.; Lt. S. Houston Lay, Saipan; Cpl. Wm. B. Dean, APO San Francisco; Lt. Col. Kenneth Stiles, Washington, D. C.; Lt. H. S. Williams, USNR, FPO San Francisco; Lt. J. R. Oberholtzer, Asbury Park, N. J.; S/Sgt. Charles M. Cox, Tarvisio, Italy; Cpl. Forrest R. George, Camp Cooke, Calif.; Cpl. James C. McReynolds, Franklin, Ind.; T/5 Art. W. Korpi, APO 75, San Francisco; Pvt. John Tvelia, Long Island, N. Y.; Eugene Moyer, CEM, New Orleans; Pfc. L. A. Roland, Berlin; Capt. S. George Heycey, Brooklyn Port Signal Office New York; Lt. Comdr. E. L. Rushmer, FPO San Francisco; Pfc. Phil Widman; Lt. Edgar H. Parson, FPO New York; Lt. James G. Denton, APO 75, San Francisco; Lt. Hardin Shattuck, Navy 3150, FPO San Francisco; Cpl. Anthony Capriglione, APO 19623-CZ, San Francisco; Joseph P. Smith, Romulus, New York; Lt. Col. Edwin J. Withers, APO 513, New York; W. F. Orndoff, U. S. Naval Hospital, Long Island; Maurice Waters Kay, AS, San Diego; Sgt. Clemont Hawkins, APO 75, San Francisco; Capt. Kermit R. Cline, Camp Blanding, Fla.; Lt. Harry McCollum, Greenville, S. C.; Lt. Orville Zastrow, Luliang, China.

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## GOING UP

Lt. Hardin Shattuck, USN; Lt. James G. Denton; Lt. Edgar H. Parson, USN; T/5 Art W. Korpi; Cpl. Forrest R. George; Major S. M. Stoddard; USMCR; S/Sgt. Chas. M. Cox; Lt. Kenneth N. Hardy, USNR; Pfc. Phil Widman; Capt. George S. Heycey; Pfc. Lou Roland; Cpl. Wm. B. Dean; Harriett R. Holler, Y 1/c; Sgt. Albert B. Gerber; Lt. James G. Denton; Robert F. Howell, S 1/c; Lt. Comdr. Henry V. Bazak.

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"It's great to be back!" writes Major Joseph P. (Snuffy) Smith after 28 months in the Orient. He's now stationed at Romulus, New York, at the Seneca Ordnance Depot.